DNREC schedules Oct. 19 public workshop for proposed Rehoboth wastewater projects

DOVER — The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control announced today that DNREC will hold a public workshop Wednesday, Oct. 19 to provide information about several wastewater projects currently proposed by the City of Rehoboth Beach. The workshop will begin at 6 p.m. inside Rehoboth Volunteer Fire Company Station 86, 219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Rehoboth's proposed wastewater projects include a pump station, a force main and an ocean outfall. The new pump station and a 24-inch force main are required to convey the treated wastewater to the ocean outfall and through diffusers located 6,000 feet offshore in water approximately 40 feet deep.

These proposed projects require several DNREC permits and approvals including a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, a Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Determination, a Subaqueous Lands Lease, Water Quality Certification, a Wastewater Facilities Construction Permit, and a Beach Preservation Coastal Construction Permit. An overview of the various projects will be provided by the City of Rehoboth Beach's consultants on the projects, while DNREC staff will be on hand to offer information about the Department's permitting and approval processes.

The workshop will give the public an opportunity to learn more about the City of Rehoboth Beach's proposed wastewater projects and to ask questions about the projects and the necessary DNREC permits and approvals that must be in place before the projects can begin. Rehoboth's permit applications

and supporting documents, and a fact sheet and a draft NPDES permit are available on DNREC's website.

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